

**Weekly Status and Information Report:  
Week of February 18 - 22, 2008**

1. Storm Response (Citywide): The Public Works Department dispatched 6 salt trucks beginning at midnight on Thursday 2/21. That crew maintained operations through a 12 hour shift and was relieved by additional personnel at noon on 2/22 and will monitor the street conditions through midnight tonight. (Public Works)
2. Stormwater Line Maintenance (Wards 1, 3 & 4): The City contractor, Video Pipe Inspection, will be performing camera inspection and cleaning of stormwater lines in subbasin 4, beginning next week. Subbasin 4 represents the northwest section of the City. The western boundary is Piney Branch Road and Chicago Avenue, the southern boundary is Fenton Avenue and Eastern Avenue, the eastern boundary is Carroll Avenue up to Lincoln Avenue and the northern boundary is Ritchie Avenue. Each of the five City subbasins are inspected by camera and cleaned every three years through this program. Additionally broken lines or damaged structures are identified and listed for future repair. This project is funded through the Stormwater Fund. (Public Works)
3. City TV: Due to an equipment malfunction, the Tuesday, February 19 Council meeting was not recorded in the usual manner and therefore was unable to be cablecast live on City TV or streamed on the website. Replays of the meeting started airing Thursday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and again on Friday, February 22 at 12:00 p.m. Access to the video on the web site is expected on February 22. (City TV)
4. Covering Poetry: City TV crews covered the Third Thursday Poetry Series on February 21. (City TV)
5. Officers in Meetings:
  - On February 19, CSAFE had the third of four "Renter's Exchange" meetings in partnership with Impact Silver Spring at Forest Park Apartments. This week approximately 10 residents were in attendance to ask questions to representatives from local banks about financial planning as well as to get to know each other and get more involved at Forest Park. The first week's topic was health care; the second week the topic was connecting to county resources; and, the fourth week they will be discussing tenant issues.
  - February 19, Capt. Coursey attended a meeting regarding traffic calming in Takoma Park.
  - On February 20, Chief Ricucci and Lt. Bowers attended a meeting with the Pinecrest Community in Takoma Park.
  - Also, on February 20, CSAFE held its biweekly HEAT Team meeting.
  - On February 21, Chief Ricucci met with former Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane to discuss youth violence.
  - On February 21, CSAFE attended the third part of the Gang Awareness Workshop at Silver Spring International Middle School. Representatives from various local organizations attended to tell parents about the gang prevention and intervention services that they offer. (Police)
6. Traffic Enforcement:
  - a) Officers conducted at least 127 traffic stops, which resulted in some citations, three (3) vehicle impounds and one (1) DUI arrest.
  - b) During the week of February 15-21, the following details were completed:

- Hammond Ave at Lockney Avenue (stop sign) – conducted one detail, two hours, three warnings.
- Maple Avenue at Sligo Creek (4-way Stop) – conducted two details, two and a half hours, one state citation and two warnings.
- 1100 University Boulevard – conducted one detail, one hour and one state citation.
- 7100 New Hampshire Ave (Speeding) – conducted two details, two and a half hours, eight state citations and one warning.
- Elm Avenue at Lincoln Avenue (Traffic Circle) – conducted four details, three hours, one warning.
- Ethan Allen Avenue (speeding) – conducted seven details, seven hours, 13 state citations and 13 warnings. (Police)

7. 2008 Tax Credit Applications Now Available: Maryland homeowners and renters who have limited or fixed incomes may qualify for a tax credit which is applied against real property tax bills. Eligibility for the program is based on gross household income. To determine whether you qualify for a 2008 tax credit, you can obtain an application online at [www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html) or by calling 301-891-7222. (Housing and Community Development)

8. Landlord Certification Class Held: Fifteen owners and agents of rental properties in Takoma Park attended the city sponsored landlord certification class on Thursday, February 21. The class, which is offered every month by the Department of Housing and Community Development provides information on current Takoma Park housing and landlord-tenant laws and is required to maintain a valid rental license in the city. Upon completion of the class, a certificate, which is valid for 3 years, is given to each attendee. For further information or to register for the next class, please call (301) 891-7255. (Housing and Community Development)

9. Business Watch Meeting Next Week! (Wards 6 and 2): Crossroads and New Hampshire Avenue businesses will be meeting with police representatives on Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 a.m., at Mogotillo Restaurant, 7637 New Hampshire Avenue. Housing and Community Development, CSAFE and Maryland International Corridor CDC are partnering to hold the quarterly Business Watch Meeting for the business community of the Takoma-Langley Crossroads area and New Hampshire Avenue Corridor down to Sligo Creek Parkway. Owners and managers of businesses and commercial properties on University Boulevard, New Hampshire Avenue and neighboring streets are invited to discuss safety concerns and strengthen the communication network with fellow businesses and the police. Officers from the Takoma Park and Prince George's County Police Departments will be attending the meeting. (Housing and Community Development and Police Department)

10. Community Legacy Award (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6): Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown informed the City today that the City's FY08 application has been awarded funding. The award amount and details regarding funding will be announced next week. The City's application requested funding for five projects. (Housing and Community Development)

11. New Hampshire Gardens Neighborhood Traffic Calming Meeting (Ward 6): New Hampshire Gardens residents met with Housing and Community Development staff Thursday evening to discuss options for testing neighborhood-wide traffic calming plans

this spring. The neighborhood recommended two options for testing. (Housing and Community Development)

12. Safe Routes to School Seminar (City-wide): HCD staff attended the Maryland State Safe Routes to School Seminar to learn about funding opportunities for the program through 2010. Staff also presented